Statement

Sugarcane producers by USA and other European countries

In respect of sugar which is processed from domestically grown sugarcane or sugar beets, product-specific AMS last notified by U.S.A. was US $ 1,207 million in 1999, US $ 1,177 million in 2000, and US $ 1,061 million in 2001. Product-specific AMS on white sugar on a marketing year basis notified by the EC was US $ 5,317 million in 1998-99, US $ 5,787 million in 1999-2000, and US $ 5,838 million in 2000-01. Notified export subsidies on sugar by the EC were US $ 727 million in 1998-99, US $ 472 million in 1999-2000, and US $ 329 million in 2000-01. The US has notified that it does not subsidize sugar exports.

Supply of desalinated water

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever worked out the cost of desalinated water supply as drinking water in urban and coastal cities to meet the shortage;

(b) whether Government would undertake the desalination process to ensure year round supply of drinking water to such cities and towns;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) the cities selected for setting up of such plants?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Ministry of Urban Development has not worked out the cost of desalinated drinking water.

(b) and (c) There is a proposal to set up a desalination plant near Chennai in the State sector through public-private partnership. More such plants are also proposed along the Coromondal coast.

(d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has identified Chennai, Ramanathapuram and Keelakarai for desalination plants. Other States along the Coromondal coast *viz* Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Union Territory of Pondicherry have so far not furnished the list of cities selected for setting up of desalination plants.